

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment dated 5/21/2007 and Telephone interview on 9/24/2007.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20070924.

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Steve Kahm on 9/24/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 has been replaced by --1. A clamp and handlebar assembly for a motorcycle, the assembly comprising:

one clamp for each of two fork tubes of the motorcycle, each clamp having, a first split ring with a first diameter for engaging a respective fork tube on the motorcycle, a second split ring with a second diameter, engaging a substantially L-shaped handlebar, the second split ring adjacent to the first split ring, the second split ring having an axis parallel to an axis of the first split ring, with the second split ring integrally connected to the first split ring, with no intervening apertures there between and the split rings having independent non coplanar parallel planar gaps,

wherein each split ring has a respective locking portion integral therein, each locking portion having a first post aperture and a second post aperture, each of said post apertures respectively positioned on each side of the gap in the split ring, a first post having a smooth wall aperture therethrough and being positioned in the first post aperture and a second post having an aperture with a threaded wall therethrough and being positioned in the second post aperture, and a bolt extending through the locking portion apertures and the posts for engaging the threads of the second post to adjust the size of the gap,

whereby tightening or loosening the first split ring allows installing or adjustably fixing the position of the clamp axially and radially about the fork tube and tightening or loosening the second split ring allows installing or adjustably fixing the position of the handlebar axially and radially in the second split ring.--

Claim 2 has been replaced by --2. A clamp and handlebar assembly for a motorcycle as in claim 1 further comprising, each L shape handlebar having a column engaging the second split ring, and a hand grip portion extending perpendicularly from the column.--

Claim 3 has been replaced by --3. A clamp and handlebar assembly for a motorcycle, the assembly comprising:

two clamps with each clamp being mountable on a fork tube on each side of the motorcycle and having a first split ring with a first adjustment screw for adjustably engaging the fork tube on the motorcycle, a second split ring with a second adjustment screw, the second split ring having an axis parallel to an axis of the first split ring with the second split ring integrally connected to the first split ring, the splits in the split rings for each clamp being on separate parallel planes,

an L-shaped handlebar for each clamp, each handlebar having a vertical column portion adjustably held in place by the second split ring, and a horizontal handgrip portion perpendicular to and extending only on one side of the column portion,

both split rings have a respective locking portion integral with their respective split rings, the first split ring being tightened or loosened to install or adjustably fix the position of the clamp axially and radially about the fork tube on its respective side of the motorcycle, and the second split ring being tightened or loosened thereby installing or adjustably fixing the position of each handlebar axially and radially in the second split ring, whereby an infinite range of motion of each handlebar is allowed by independently moving the clamp up and down on its respective fork tube and rotating the clamp thereon, and by independently moving each handlebar up and down in its respective clamp and rotating the handlebar therein.--

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Claim 4 has been cancelled

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 is allowed because the prior art shows various types of clamp and handlebar assemblies, but fails to show a clamp and handlebar assembly with one clamp for each of two fork tubes on a motorcycle, with a first split ring, and a second split ring engaging a substantially L-shaped handlebar with the split rings having independent non coplanar parallel planar gaps in combination with all other limitations.

Claim 2 is likewise allowed.

Claim 3 is allowed because the prior art shows various types of clamp and handlebar assemblies, but fails to show a clamp and handlebar assembly with two clamps with each clamp being mountable on a fork tube on each side of a motorcycle, with a first split ring, and a second split ring engaging a substantially L-shaped handlebar with the splits in the split rings being on separate parallel planes in combination with all other limitations.

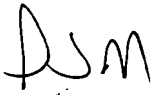
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel J. Mills whose telephone number is 571-272-8115. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10:00-6:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on 571-272-7087. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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